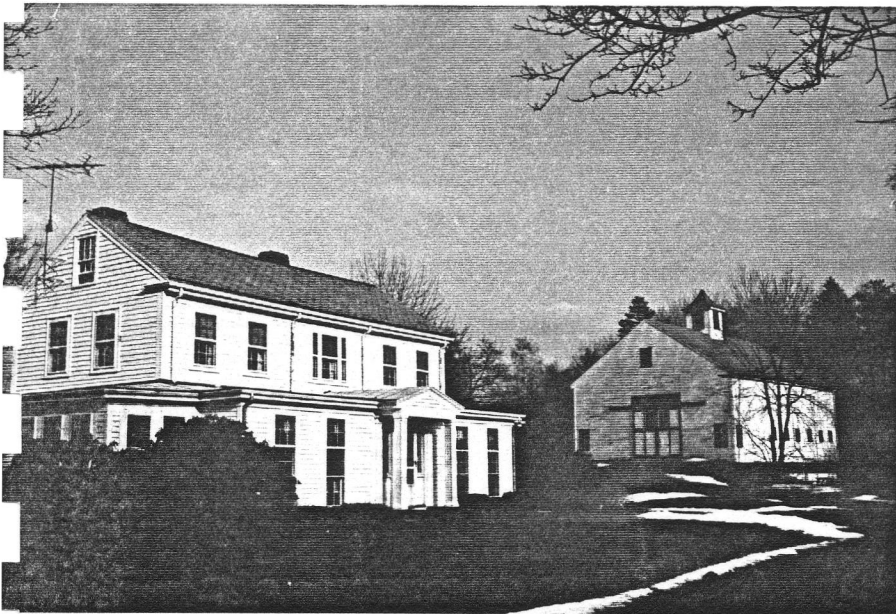


FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA S	FORM NO. 548
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dress 3 Peacock Farm Road

storic Name Peacock Farm House

e: Present residence

Original residence and farm

DESCRIPTION:

ite c. 1830 c. 1835 Barn

Source stylistic analysis

Style Federal/Greek Revival

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings mid- to late-nineteenth
century barn

Major alterations (with dates) one-story
addition to south and west sides, ell to
east (dates unknown)

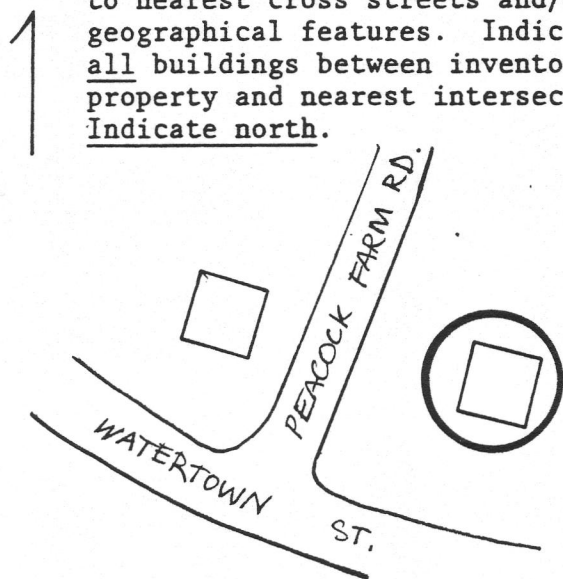
Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 1.55 A.

Setting At beginning of road into a
development of contemporary houses; devel-
opment's common land of swamy and meadow
lie just north of the house.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Recorded by Anne Grady

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This is one of many five-bay wide, ^{two}one-room deep with rear chimneys dwellings built in East Lexington in the second quarter of the nineteenth century. Simple trim of corner boards/ ^{and}frieze board relate the building to the Greek Revival style. The three-part window over the door is more of a Federal feature, however.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

In 1852, Phineas Lawrence owned this house and two others in the immediate area. Lawrence (b. 1775, d. 1864) moved from Waltham four years after his marriage to Polly Wellington c. 1796 into an area of Lexington where members of the Wellington family already lived. Lawrence served as a state representative.

Before 1906, George Norton, a soap manufacturer from Winsor, Connecticut purchased the property for use as a summer residence. George Mason became the owner some time thereafter and the property remained in the Mason family until 1973. In 1951, the acreage of the farm was sold for the Peacock Farm development. [^]In the early twentieth century peacocks were raised on the farm.

(see Aca S.)

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1830 map

1852 map

1875 atlas

1889 atlas

1906 atlas